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**Statement by Representative Robert Schenck
Regarding Florida's Drug Enforcement Strike Teams'
Progress Against the Spread of Illegal Prescription Drugs**

Tallahassee, Fla. – Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), Chairman of the House Health & Human Services Committee, today released the following statement regarding the recent success of Florida Drug Enforcement Strike Teams in stopping the spread and illegal sale of prescription drugs around the state.

“I am proud of Florida's Drug Enforcement Strike Teams for their tireless commitment to stopping the spread of prescription drugs in our communities. Their efforts, made possible by recent changes to Florida's prescription drug laws, prove that Florida means business when it comes to stopping prescription drug abuse.”

"Thanks to the Legislature's action on strengthening Florida's prescription drug laws last year, we are already seeing tremendous progress in fighting the spread of illegal prescription drugs. As reported earlier this year, the number of oxycodone pills purchased by Florida doctors declined by 97 percent from 2010 to 2011. Law enforcement actions bolster our fight against the sale and exchange of illegal prescription drugs and ensure Florida is no longer a safe haven for criminals contributing to prescription drug abuse.”

“I appreciate the teamwork of Florida's law enforcement officers in stopping prescription drug abuse around the state and the continued leadership of Governor Scott and Attorney General Bondi. Their devotion to stopping the spread of illegal prescription drugs is making Florida a better place.”

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